THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Decisions regarding routes to be operated by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot will be taken keeping in view. the economic viability of operations, availability of adequate infrastructure and the resources for development of additional infrastucture and aircraft capacity available.

Setting up of a Council of Humanities

1048. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI P. N. SUKUL:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state whether Government propose to appoint a committee to suggest ways and means to establish a Council of Hunanities by bringing together all the humanistic bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): There is no such proposal under consideration at present.

Permission to industrial houses covered by M.R.T.P. to enter Shipping Industry

1049. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether large industrial houses covered by M.R.T.P. Act have been permitted to enter shipping industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, does not bar acquisition of ships by M.R.T.P. industrial houses. However, Government have exempted shipping industry from provisions of Section 21 and Section 22 of the M.R.T.P. Act in February, 1986.

Draft concept for new population policy

1050. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a new draft concept for population policy to push the small family norms; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No new Population Policy has been formulated. The implementation of the strategy to achieve the goals set under the Family Welfare Programme, has been intensified to achieve; (1) increased demand for contraception through improved communication approaches (2) expansion and improvement of the quality of out-reach services; (3) greater community participation; (4) greater coverage of population education; (5) emphasis on child servival programmes; and (6) reorganisation of infrastructure and improving its management.

Grants in connection with the Centenary of the Allahabad University

1051. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 459 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th November, 1985 and state:

(a) what were the recommendations of the Committee constituted for scrutiny of the proposal for grant of funds in connection with the centenary celebration of the Allahabad University;